

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 8, 2015
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 6:00 P.M.

Attendees: Sally Davidson, Scott Amell, Michele Langley, Heidi Passalacqua (members); Ken Goslant Selectman-liaison), Dave Packie (community member) absent: Bruce Wright.

- I. **Call to order:** 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Review and approval of minutes of May 11, 2015:** approved with changes: discussion regarding leaving the other dugout and repurposing for now and using as locked storage. The goal center pole was damaged from the high school and they had wondered if that and some other items could be stored and locked in that dugout. This had been discussed at last meeting. Also Ann Jennings had accepted a spot on committee. Heidi will add to minutes of Last month minutes.
- III. **Old business:**
 - a. **Field maintenance:** There has still not been a meeting between town and school however scott reported that Billy Evans had consulted at Norwich for baseball field and is going to “cut a lip around their infield” He looked at Memorial Park and spoke with the high school about what their maintenance crew can do as far as infield work and changes. The fields appear to be in good shape the school seems to be taking care of one part and the town seems to be taking care of the other. The falls looks amazing. Evan hallstrom has completed his project and a memorial has been done. It is now on display at the Falls field. This was his Eagle Scout project. Scott will contact the little league about getting a new handle to the restroom door as it needs repair.
 - b. **Northfield Rotary meeting:** Scott was not able to attend the last Rotary mtg.
 - c. **Trail System update.** Dave Packie updated group on trails. He was able to GPS trails from road to Memorial Park to Falls field. There are a number of things that need to be done. There are a couple of areas that are steep which defeats our mission to keep the path a beginners and user friendly path. Dave learned on his mission that a number of the area is already in use by some ATV users and not sure if this is going to pose as a challenge. Also a number of the actual “right of way “ road goes essentially in the door yard of people’s houses/back yards. Actions needed are to meet with two neighbors in the area and to be transparent. Doyon and Goslant and define the project to them; it will be a 50 inch wide dug by an excavator and that the existing right of way needs to be granted hopefully by these folks. Michele will try to reach out to Bob Doyon and Heidi with Lisa and will come up with dates to maybe meet with Dave Packie to discuss with rest of group.

- d. **Picnic Tables:** Scott has met with business' and needs invoices to get picnic tables. Jerry Cassels from school felt it was too late in year for his group to burn the business' logos into the wood. Two names were floated around. Michele will get the town logo and get letter/invoice out to Scott for action. We would like this completed within the next couple of weeks and are going to open up to other businesses if they come out.
- e. **Restrooms f/u:** Group discussion. We have a commitment from Gadbois plumbing to help put substructure and 1 toilet towards restrooms. So we have to the piping and concrete. It will be about \$3,000 for a floating slab. Heidi will write a letter to town manager with our proposal and clarify based on our past misinformation of what happened with our not knowing what happened to the approximate discrepancy of 2,000 from CIP fund within one year for stumpage we didn't approve of or know was being completed, that we would outline our project, and what we are doing and state our intent to have \$3,000 come from that CIP account unless there was another account we don't know it should come from.
- f. **Other:** Michele had a discussion with Go Northfield group re putting seating on common and suggestions of what we might have to offer. NOT plastic Adirondack chairs. Our suggestion was for the same type of bistro chairs or Parklet chairs that are located in Montpelier. Michele will suggest Gretchen Dunn look at that. Sally brought to our attention the Bridges program is already doing much of what we were offering for our thoughts to summer events (golf, archery, etc.) at Garvey Hill. Also, Ann Jennings has decided not to come on to the committee after all.

IV. **Public participation :** None

V. **New Business**

- a. **Approval of field use requests:** birthday party approved 6/13 + 6/10 Dates approved.

VI. **Next meeting:** July 13, 2015. 6:00 p

VII. **Adjournment**